

MINUTES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 15, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.  
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Nado, Mitchell, Sarasin, Vaughn, Cole  
Staff: Quinn, Galetta

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Teresa McShane, owner of 9 Orchard Lane, appeared before the Commission to discuss a plan to renovate her 1920 bungalow-style house by adding a portico roof to the front entrance and dormers to the front and a rear of the house. The hope is to keep the bungalow look of the house. The applicant originally appeared before the Commission several months ago at which time there was concern with what can be seen from the public road. Various views of the house from the road were provided in photographs for the Commission to review. The front entryway will be brought out approximately 18". The house is sided with shingles and the new siding will be the same. The Commission noted there are discrepancies between the drawing details and what the photographs show. The Commission requested accurate drawings, photographs and a material list for the public hearing.

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff presented note cards to the Commission that were received from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Mitchell attended a meeting of the CT Trust for Historic Preservation which was held at the Mystic and Noank Library on November 8. Circuit Rider Gregory Farmer would like to attend a meeting of the Commission at some future date. The Trust is currently working on mapping historic districts in Connecticut which will be available online early next year.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF October 18, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 18, 2011

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Mitchell, so voted unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Staff noted that the Town Attorney advised him Christian Oates, owner of 39 Pearl Street, is no longer being represented by Attorney Thomas Collier. Staff forwarded a letter directly to Mr. Oates with regard to resolving the skylight and roof shingle issues.

Staff also noted that Rod Desmarais has told him that he is working with an engineer to resolve the issue of the roof pitch at 81 High Street.

V. NEW BUSINESS – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. made by Mitchell, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

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Elaine Cole, Secretary  
Historic District Commission

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